

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE GREAT DAY OF HURRY AND EXPLOITS HAS NOW COME!

Hurrah for the Missionaries who are Preparing for the Lord's Work in China!

STRONG APPEAL FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

To Every Member of the Dear Old Church of God—Greetings in the Mighty and All Powerful Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: I would love to meet every one of you and talk with you personally but as that is now impossible I will write you a letter through the Evangel. I want you to consider this a personal letter to you and I want you to respond by doing your part on Foreign Mission day.

I am trying to attend as many big meetings as I possibly can and tell the people about China—what we have been able to accomplish by the grace of God, the needs of the work etc., and what we, each member, must do at once to keep the work going.

We all know Jesus was the first missionary this old world ever knew; and where would we have been today had He not come to this old world to save us? Then look at the apostle Paul, what a wonderful missionary he was! Then consider those of the past few centuries who have hazarded their very lives that they might give the gospel to the heathen, those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Shall the Church of God fall behind?

Surely every member of the Church of God BELIEVES in Foreign Missions, yet we have sadly neglected this line of work in the past. You have been busy laying the foundation here at home and now that we have everything lined up in such good working order—every member in his place—we are going to burst forth upon this old world and herald this precious message to the ends of the earth because Jesus said this gospel must first be published among all nations and then would the end come. Praise God!

When any of our loved ones die and make requests of us before going we feel we have to do all in our power to carry out their wishes and desires. Friends, how about our Lord's last message to us to carry this precious gospel to the ends of the earth? Are we doing our part? He says "Go

ye" and that go ye is to every one of us just as much as healing and speaking in tongues, that is, we are to get that go ye spirit. Some are to go and the others are to send. He said to go and teach them to observe and do the things He has commanded us. Praise God! That is, go over and share these good things He has given us. He says He will give us the heathen for our inheritance. Praise God! Who would want a greater inheritance than that?

Dear ones, we went to China seven years ago and God has mightily fulfilled His precious Word and we can truly say there hath not failed one word of all His good promises. He hath given us souls for our hire and we now have three native churches established there.

I have come home to stir up the Church to give her means and to send forth new missionaries, for if these three native churches are to continue and the work grow and spread on and out to those who have never yet heard of our Jesus it will be necessary for each member to begin RIGHT NOW to do HIS PART. We all love the Church of God (and so do the Chinese) and her beautiful government. Many people often say that our people are poor and can't do much. We want to quit saying that or thinking it. We should be rich in faith, hallelujah! We are the people who can move heaven and earth. Hallelujah! Our little is much because God is in it. The great things of the world are not done by the rich and mighty; united effort can work miracles and that is what the Church of God people can do. Let us UNITE OUR EFFORTS and we will see things happen that will surprise ourselves.

We have a membership of more than twenty thousand. Foreign Mission day comes on second Sunday in every other month and if every member will do his best it is marvelous what our united gifts, prayers and efforts will accomplish. If every member would contribute twenty-five cents

on that day it would amount to \$5,000.00. Just think of it! Surely every member can give that small amount. You can eat one meal less on that Sunday or abstain from meat that day, that is if you have no other way to get your offering. Some who spend too much on dress could deny themselves on that line and get their offering that way. I am sure that all are ready and willing to do their part. They are just waiting for an opportunity.

Of course there are many who are able to give more than this amount. The main thing is for the Foreign Mission treasurer of the church to see that the Foreign Mission offering does not amount to less than twenty-five cents for each member and just as much over as possible. If the churches and pastors will all unite in this we will not have any financial shortage in the Foreign Mission department as has been heretofore.

A band of twenty Church of God missionaries is going out to China this autumn and it will require \$6,000.00 to put them in China. If all do their part, their best, their very best on Foreign Mission day it will be almost enough to send the twenty Church of God missionaries; the \$1,000.00 lack will likely be supplied from personal funds which some of the out going missionaries have and can apply on their own passage. Then as each of us continues to do his part it will be sufficient for the Church to buy land and build houses for the missionaries (The church will own the property, of course) and in that way large amounts will not have to be paid out monthly in rents.

There is much more I would like to say but I will tell you more next time. This is enough to prove to you what we can do if we will and none of us miss it.

God bless you, every one. I would love to meet you face to face but there are so many places I can't visit all before returning to China.

In Jesus' glad service,
Jennie B. Rushin,
Pooler, Ga.

one who feels the call to foreign lands to go! Go!! Don't be influenced by any one and disobey the Lord.

Sister Rushin is doing a wonderful work in China and, dear ones, we don't want to come to the Lord empty-handed when He says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. The Church of God people are the ones to go. I have never been so interested in the work as I have been since I heard our dear sister. I wish every one could see the great need of Foreign Missions and be stirred as never before to GO OR SEND. This gospel must go to all the world; will you help? Over the ocean in dark lands millions of heathen are stretching forth their hands, calling to Christians. Hear them today; do not forget they are looking this way.

May the Spirit of God go before Sister Rushin as she goes from place to place in the United States and convict the Church that she should help with the work. Please pray for me.

In Jesus' dear name,
Alice Driggers,
Tampa, Fla.

A Missionary Quilt

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I have been asked to give some of my experience in making quilts for Foreign Missions and I shall endeavor to do so.

It was about forty years ago that the Southern Methodist Church, of which I was a member, became stirred about the need of Foreign Missions. The Lord laid upon my heart to make a quilt for that cause, my method for doing it was this: To ask all who would like to have their names in the quilts as having helped to give a dime or more and in this way twenty-five dollars were raised and given to missions. Since then the Lord has helped me to make many quilts for His cause.

After hearing Sister Rushin lecture on the subject of Foreign Missions I have decided to make another missionary quilt. I wish to do my best as I am eighty years old and this is probably my last opportunity to thus help my Master.

I think it would be nice for the ladies of our churches to make a missionary quilt. Let each one make a square writing her name in it and let as many others as will donate and have their names in it. I am sure the Lord will bless you in the effort. Your sister working for the Master,
Mrs. Priscilla Moody,
Wimauma, Fla.

Time For the Church to Launch Out

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. Not a part but all. Now the commands of our Lord ring still down the ages.

No Christian or church can multiply in grace and glory and power, that is not on fire to spread the gospel.

The Church of God has a responsible, oh, a fearful duty as this great burden is upon her, above every other people. I have prayed unto God to help the church launch out and, praise God, I believe the time is ripe.

Sister Rushin was at the great camp meeting at Wimauma and inspired the Florida saints as never before. She has some who will go hand in hand to further this great cause.

Sometime ago Brother Tomlinson sent out a notice in the Evangel in regards to Foreign Mission day in the churches. I was so delighted when our church began at once. The first Foreign Mission day we had a few good songs, talks etc., and the first effort doubled our usual offerings. A red ribbon bow was put on every saint who would pray earnestly each day for Foreign Missions. Every body who came in wanted to know about the bow. By this many learned about the increased efforts and some fell in line to help.

I felt that the daily prayers were answered when I went to the camp meeting and heard Sister Rushin.

Oh, may God move us on and on, and let special earnest prayers go up for more laborers into the fields so white unto harvest. Awake, awake, we shall reap if we faint not.

Deacons and pastors, do not neglect this department of the work. Cursed be he who doeth the work of the Lord negligently.

Yours for all service,
Rosa B. Murphy,
Tampa, Fla.

"FOR THE SHAME OF CHRIST."

"Therefore we pray you by God that you take pity on the land overseas and the shame of Christ."

So spake the Crusader envoys to the Doge of Venice as they sought to enlist him and his people in the venture of the fourth Crusade. This was his reply:—Certe, it is a great thing that your lords require of us, *** a high enterprise *** it is meet that so great a matter be fully pondered."

The Doge pondered the matter, then he called his council of 40, then of 100 others, then 200 more, then 1,000, and so spake that all consented and approved the enterprise. Lastly, he assembled 10,000 of his people in the chapel of St. Mark to hear Mass and pray to God for counsel. The envoys also came into the church. The Doge requested them to address the people. They did so: they knelt at the people's feet, weeping many tears, and said—"For God's sake help to avenge the shame of Christ Jesus."

Then the Doge and all the rest, lifting up their hands, with one voice cried—"We consent! we consent!" They consented to assist, by ships and provisions, the host of the fourth Crusade.

Some Crusaders proved faithless to their vows, to their eternal shame!! Thus the faithful men's shares of payment were insufficient to defray the agreed sum for transport and commissariat. The expedition was endangered and their own vows. How did the true Crusaders behave? Their words shall say:—

"For God's sake let each contribute all that he has so that we may fulfill our covenant; far better is it that we should give all that we have, than lose what we have already paid, and prove false to our covenants; for if this host remains here, the rescue of the land overseas comes to naught."

"Much rather would we give all that we have and go penniless with the host, than that the host should fall to pieces and fail; for God will doubtless repay us when it so pleases Him."

Then the Count of Flanders began to give.

all that he had
and all that he could borrow, and so did Count Lewis, and the Marquis, and the Count of St. Paul, and those who were of their party.

Thus the expedition was enabled to sail. But such whole-souled conduct bore other fruit besides. So shone their light before men that the Doge himself took the cross and went with them. This Doge was indeed "a man." Peace and plenty, wealth, comfort, and pleasure lay in his staying at Venice. Hardship and peril by sea and land, sickness, want, wounds, and death lay in his taking the cross and going—yet he went! He was worthy and good. He was "a real man." I say. He was stone blind, and ninety years of age!! Truly "he was of a great heart!" He had so much reason to stay behind—yet he went! "I go," said he, "to live or die with you and with the pilgrims." Many shed tears at the sight of the old blind hero taking the cross, and wearing it on his hat, because he wished that all men should see it. He was not ashamed of his Saviour! And many did better than to shed tears—heroism breeds heroes; for the Venetians began to take the cross in great numbers, whereas up to that day very few had taken the cross.

This "man of men" took the cross and went forth; he never returned. Three years later he died in a foreign land, and was buried with great honour in the Church of St. Sophia. But who can forget him? What man's soul does not dance within him for an opportunity to do something at least as great and noble for Christ's sake, yet in a better cause?

Those Crusaders went, gambling with their lives, for Christ's sake, to capture the Holy Land and the Tomb of Christ from the hands of the infidel. Every step threatened hardship, sacrifice, and danger, but they mocked at all for they went to redeem "the shame of Christ Jesus."

Today we have better reason to go crusading. "The world lieth in the wicked one"—as the Holy Ghost proclaimed through the Apostle John. We have the divine command to evangelize the world. Our Crusade! We see the shame of Christ. We acknowledge it!! Yet stay at home! Where are the Crusaders of today? Why are not the rich, and the nobles, and the royalties in the firing line for Christ today? Where is our Crusading Spirit? Where our enthusiasm for Christ and the lands overseas?

We should go crusading for Christ. We have the men, the means, and the ways—steam and electricity and iron have leveled the lands and bridged the seas. The doors of the world have been opened wide for us by our God. We pray and preach; we bow the knee; we receive, we administer the Holy Communion of the passion of Christ; we recite the creed trium-

phantly; we are optimists every one; we shout, "Onward, Christian Soldiers, marching on to war," and then? *** and then? *** we whisper, "I pray Thee have me excused!!!" What glorious humbugs we are!

"I am so old!"
But what about the blind old Doge of 90? And what about Miss Wilson who, at the age of fifty, went gallily crusading in inland China some thirty years ago, and others besides?

"I am too young!"
Then what about our young soldiers and officers? What about young Anstruther who went crusading to the Crimea, and fell at the head of his regiment at the battle of the Alma, with the Queen's colour in his hand, only eighteen years of age? John Nicholson, at seventeen, sailed for the scenes of his heroic deeds in India! Little Nelson, a weak boy of twelve years of age, volunteered in those troublous times, and made his first voyage in one of the crazy ships of those days. And these are but samples of multitudes. In "the services" they wait not to start till their constitutions are well established, neither if they go for gold!!

"But I might die so young."
True! But God says, "To die is gain." And we say we believe The Book. Heaven's meaneast abode surpasses earth's loveliest paradise.

"But my Parents object!"

That is indeed strange, for they are proud when their sons go forth to serve an earthly King. Is the service of Jesus Christ less honourable? I wonder! And did not Christ say, "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me," and "If any man come to Me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

"But I need more Education!"

That is strange, too, for you have already a great deal more than those unlearned and ignorant disciples whom Christ chose to be His crusaders in preference to the "scholars" and "somebodies" of His days, and with whom He did such wonders.

"Then what wait I for?"
I'm sure I don't know! Nobody knows! The trump of God has been sounding the charge unceasingly, and is still sounding, and this is what it says:—"Go! Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, unto the uttermost parts of the earth; but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him."

Are not the odds too great?"
They are no greater, nor so great as Cortez and Pizarro and others faced gladly for gold!

"But what shall I do with my money and estate?"

Lay them up in heaven of course, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break not through nor steal, then you shall have treasure in heaven, while on earth you shall receive one hundredfold. Are they not safer than the safest gilded securities? And, if not, then there can be but one alternative! Was Jesus Christ a fraudulent company promoter? Who dares to say so?

"But the sacrifice is terrible, and is it altogether justifiable?"

That is well worth serious consideration. Of course Christ told us to follow in His footsteps, and, if our sacrifice is greater than His, we might be going before Him and so become guilty of presumption. He left heaven and His Father for our sakes; though rich He became poor, having a name above every name He made Himself of no reputation, becoming despised and rejected of men; then He willingly laid down His life for us on the cross, after suffering every torture that men could think of. He endured the cross and despised the shame that He might buy us with His blood. No, I really do not think there is much danger of our sacrifice being greater than His and so unjustifiable.

"But is there any reward?"

Rather! Our rewards are waiting in heaven, and our reception in state by our Lord Jesus Christ also; whilst here upon earth we have the unique privilege of serving Him where alone in the universe He is dishonoured and reviled; a privilege glorious enough to excite envy in the heart of every heavenly being.

"But shall I receive a Title?"

Oh, yes! various ones. Those who love Jesus will say, "Well done good and faithful servant." Those who don't love Jesus, being really insane while thinking themselves wise, will call you mad or a fool. Did they not so style Christ and the Apostle Paul? A "fool for Christ's sake." What a title! Better than a K. C. B. In heaven they will be pointing and say-

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China Will Soon be Ringing With Songs and Praises

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints and Lovers of Christ—Greetings:

Dear ones, my heart has been made to rejoice, also cry, since I met our dear Sister Rushin from China. She was with us at Jacksonville for three services and stopped at my home so we became acquainted with her. It seemed that we were introduced to China for as she talked to us about their condition China was made to come near and how I did long to be able to go tell them of my Savior. I could not get off but there are some who are enlisting, and now that my opportunity has come, it comes to my mind that I can give something to help the one who can go.

I want to say to those who don't get to see Sister Rushin while she is in America that she is doing a great work and with twenty more loyal soldiers to help her, China will soon be ringing with songs and praises.

To all the pastors, workers and laity, let us be loyal to the dear ones by the giving of our means. Some of them will leave here for China and from China to heaven.

Friends, and all who love our Savior, let us look out for Foreign Mission day and especially to every member of the Church of God in Jacksonville district, let us go to China with our means, then when the roll is called up yonder we will meet and reap what we have sown. China, China, China, let it ring in your ears till you love the Chinese better than money.

I am for Jesus and Jesus is for China. Are you for Jesus? If so, you are for China. They must hear about Jesus. Some one else is willing to go tell them. We can and must be in this so remember Foreign Mission day.

Your humble brother and servant,
R. P. Johnston, dist. overseer.

Foreign Mission Hen

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to Jesus who has done so much for me. I am determined to do more for His cause since attending the great camp meeting at Wimauma, Fla., June 8-12. It was the greatest meeting we have ever in. We traveled over 800 miles to attend it but we were certainly well paid for the trip. While the music and shouting was "like the sound of many waters," the sweet testimonies were like balm to our weary souls and tired bodies. Messages were given out and interpreted in

such a way that we could really feel the presence of the Lord.

We also had the pleasure of meeting and talking with the sweet spirited China missionary, Sister Rushin, who for Christ's sake left her husband in the far away heathen world at his post and boarded the dangers of the stormy sea to get help for the dark continent. Bless her dear heart. We couldn't help but love her. As we sat and listened to her earnest appeal for help for the lost ones, the tears were seen in many eyes. We are really determined to do more for the cause of missions. We did not feel the real need of this great work as much as we do now. We want to get to work in earnest now and do our very best. I do want to be some help in this great work.

I believe it will please the Lord and help you for me to give my experience, how I helped in a small way. We lived on a farm in Georgia but didn't always have money. I selected a good hen from my brood and called her my mission hen. I gave her good care, saved her eggs separately and kept account of them, also the chicks raised from her and sold all and put the money in the mission cause. In this way I was able to send several dollars, otherwise I would have sent but little, if any.

My soul has been so blessed as I have written. I can almost feel myself leaning forward now, seated in front of Sister Rushin at the camp meeting watching her "teary" face as she pled our help, our prayers and our sympathy.

Next Sunday is our regular mission day at church and I was wondering how I could get money to put in for the collection as we are not at home now and not making any money but unexpectedly I found twenty-five cents. Praise the Lord. It is like Peter finding tribute in the fish's mouth. God bless you all.

Your sister in His service,
Mary E. Samples,
Arcadia, Fla.

Called to go to China

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Sweet Name:

I am praising God for the great camp meeting at Wimauma and for meeting dear Sister Rushin from China. The Lord surely is with her. Praise His precious name!

I praise the Lord because He has called me to go to China to preach the gospel to those dear people across the sea. When the Lord wonderfully saved me I was between ten and eleven years of age and felt the call to go to some foreign field to carry the gospel but I did not know where. About five years later I was

sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His precious name!

About a year later mother and I were out in the evangelistic work and met a lady from China and heard her tell about China. I heard the call then but doubted it. After that we were added to the great Church of God. I prayed to the Lord about His calling me to China until He showed me that it was He who was calling me to go to that foreign country to carry His gospel. After I met Sister Rushin and heard her talk and talked with her I became more thoroughly convinced.

I want the prayers of the saints everywhere to hold me up before the Lord and that I may do His will.

Your sister in the Lord,
Curtis Harris,
426 Macy St.,
Orlando, Fla.

Spirit of Missions Revived

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

How I praise Him for His wonderful love to me! I praise Him for the Wimauma camp meeting. Oh, dear ones, if I had been weak on the Church of God before I came to this meeting I surely would be strong since hearing so much about the Church and seeing how God put His power in accordance to His Word. Even the dear little children manifested much interest in their services. They were always present with their testimonies and verses of Scripture. The Lord bless every one of them and may they grow up in the faith and be soldiers in the Church of God.

We are so glad to have Sister Rushin from China with us, who talked on Foreign Missions and about the work in China. We certainly appreciate her work there. Many hearts were stirred and many eyes filled with tears.

When I was about eighteen years of age I received the light on the baptism with the Holy Ghost and God called me to be a missionary to foreign lands. My pastor told me that I could not go with the "tongue folks" because they were backslidden sanctified folks, so possessed with wicked spirits that they talked through them in tongues." He quoted Matt. 12:44, 45, "and the last state of that man is worse than the first." I listened to my pastor in whom I had much faith and the missionary desire left me and my joyous experience was gone. But I praise the Lord because He led me away from that sect to the Church of God and today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise God for again stirring my heart for missions. I exhort every

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REQUESTS

Mrs. Flora Patton, Harriman, Tenn.,
asks prayer for the healing of her
body.

Laura S. Griffith, Daylight, Tenn.,
asks prayer for the work at Man-
chester, Tenn.

Mary Benson, Carbon Hill, Ala., re-
quests prayer for her mother,
brothers and sisters to receive the
Holy Ghost.

Cordie Wilder, Shamrock, Ky., wants
all the saints to pray for her hus-
band to be sanctified and filled with
the Holy Ghost.

Mary M. Turner, Shamrock, Ky., de-
sires the prayers of all the saints
for her husband to be sanctified and
filled with the Holy Ghost.

Nancy L. Bryant of Speedwell, Tenn.,
requests the saints everywhere to
pray a special prayer for the Lord
to completely heal her side.

Sarah Blear, Lancaster, Ky., asks
prayer for a friend, Mrs. Ella Goins,
of that place. She desires prayer
that she and her husband will be
saved.

S. M. Stamey, Shelby, N. C., is the
only one in his family who has
the Holy Ghost. His persecutions
and trials are hard. Pray for him.

Carrie Whittington, Liberty Miss., re-
quests special prayer for her aunt
to be healed. Blood poison has set
up in her system.

Mrs. Rosa McKenzie, Rising Fawn,
Ga., asks all who read this to pray
that she will be healed and that her
husband will receive the Holy
Ghost.

Mrs. Augusta Farthing, Altavista, Va.,
desires the saints to pray for her
husband and son to be saved, sanc-
tified and filled with the Holy
Ghost.

Mrs. R. O. Dement, Youngville, N. C.,
asks every one who reads this to
pray for her children to be saved.
Also pray for the Lord to provide
her a folding organ to use out in
the work.

Mrs. Rosie Lee Haye, Tampa, Fla.,
asks prayer for her brother who
has once had the Holy Ghost to get
complete victory over smoking
cigarettes. Pray for her sister to
receive the Holy Ghost.

Lottie Whittington, Gloster, Miss., re-
quests the saints to pray for God to
take away the taste or desire for
tobacco from her father. Also pray
for her father and mother to come
this way.

Janie Williams, Wildwood, Fla., asks
the saints to pray earnestly for the
members of the church there. Sev-
eral have had influenza and some
are sick now. Pray especially for
the pastor who is sick.

Mrs. Mary Gibson, Marietta, Ga.,
asks the saints to pray earnestly
that she will be healed. She has
kidney and liver trouble and thinks
she is about to lose the use of one
hand. Pray for her children to be
saved.

NOTICES

R. H. Doss has changed his address
from 2126 Main St., Joplin, Mo., to Sa-
paula, Okla., Box 399.

The revival meeting will begin at
Rising Fawn, Ga., Aug. 5th and con-
tinue as long as the Lord leads. Any
one wishing to join us in a hard battle
against sin and Satan is welcome.
M. A. Looney, pastor.

All passengers coming to Goldsmith
camp meeting can get off of train at
the church. Ask the conductor to
stop train at the church. Buy tickets
to Goldsmith, Ga. Information from
railroad company.

S. J. Heath.

Brother T. P. Kephart will begin a
protracted meeting at Griffin Town,
Union Church, the fourth Sunday in
this month (July). We are looking for
a great time. Pray for us. Every-
body invited.

Joe Griffin,
R. 2, Pegrarn, Tenn.

We will be at Tusquitee, N. C.,
Aug. 12th, to sing for the camp meet-
ing, the Lord willing. If there is a
Church of God anywhere in my reach
that wishes to be trained to sing I
would be glad to help you.

Your servant and brother in Christ,
J. H. Brooks,
Alarka, N. C.

Our district meeting will be held at
Dora, Ala., July 21st to 23rd. We want
the state board to be sure to meet
with us. Our state overseer will be in
charge of the services. Everybody
welcome. Come, expecting a wonderful
time in the Lord.

Yours for lost souls,
R. M. Gallups, dist. overseer,
710-3rd St.,
Prait City, Ala.

The Church of God at Massions
Fork, four and one-half miles west of
Berea, Ky., will begin a meeting on
July 29th. Sister Werner will be with
us during the meeting to bring the
messages. We want each member of
the church to pray much for the
meeting.

Mittie Wylie, clerk.

I would like for some Church of
God workers to come here and hold
a meeting. I can take care of four
or five. We will have to build an ar-
bor to hold a meeting. I would like
for Brother Monroe or Brother Dola-
hite to come.

I am a member of the Church of
God at Poplar Grove, Ark.

Mrs. Acenath Clemons,
R. 4, Box 87, Oxford, Miss.

To One and All:
There will be an all day service at
Dividing Ridge, Tenn., fifth Sunday,
July 30th. Come one, come all and
enjoy a great feast from the Lord.
Dinner will be served on the ground.

Everybody is invited. Every preach-
er come prepared to preach for you
may be the one called upon. We
want the Holy Ghost to have full
right of way.

J. W. Nelson,
R. 3, Soddy, Tenn.

I would like to locate my family
somewhere on the farm near a Church
of God with a Church of God man.
I have a wife and three children, one
boy and two girls, the youngest nine
years old. The boy is old enough to
do good work on a farm. I would
like to locate in North Georgia or
Alabama.

I am pastor of Rome church, any
one desiring any information refer to
S. W. Latimer, Spring Place, Ga.
Respectfully yours,
T. J. Looney,
Box 276, Lindale, Ga.

Brother Whit Denson and his sing-
ing class from Alabama, will be in
Cleveland to sing for the Church of
God Saturday night and Sunday, July
15, 16. All the people should be inter-
ested and welcome him with your
presence.

The revival which has been in
progress for some time closed for a
short time but will begin anew Sun-
day, July 23rd, the writer in charge.
Let everybody pray for a successful
revival. We want to see souls saved,
sanctified and filled with the Holy
Ghost.

Yours in the work,
J. S. Llewellyn, pastor,
Cleveland, Tenn.

IN MEMORY OF

CLIPPER

The death angel visited the home
of Mr. Lee Hill, June 28, 1922 and
took his youngest daughter, Allie,
wife of Henry Clipper, home to be
with Jesus. She was 23 years of
age.

The Lord saved her the first of May
and a few days later wonderfully
sanctified her with His precious blood
and baptized her with the Holy Ghost.
She leaves to mourn, a husband
and infant daughter, father, two sis-
ters and one brother.

Her funeral was conducted at Kid-
well Ridge, Tenn. by the writer,
A. J. Hopkins,
Morristown, Tenn.

BATTLEFIELDS

We have just closed a few days
meeting at this place. Our pastor,
W. A. Walker, and helpers had
charge. We had great victory. Two
were sanctified and two were filled
with the Holy Ghost and two were
added to the Church of God, reports
Eliza Hicks, Townsend, Tenn.

Brother and Sister Watson were
with us for about ten days. They did
some good work here. The church is
in a better condition now. One was

sanctified and filled with the Holy
Ghost. We have a new church but it
is not finished yet. Pray that we
might complete it, reports Robt.
White, Berryton, Ga.

Have just closed a two weeks meet-
ing at Omaha, Ark. Brother R. C.
Scarborough, our district overseer, did
the preaching. The Lord blessed him
in giving out the Word. Eleven were
saved, eleven sanctified, seven filled
with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in
water and ten added to the Church.
The saints were refreshed and people
are looking this way as never before,
reports J. J. Reser, pastor.

It Pays to Wait Upon God

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings
to All in Jesus' Dear Name:

God is still blessing His Church in
Arkansas and making her shine.
There are hard battles fought and
many victories won. In an instance
here with the church at Haynes—the
enemy hurled his forces against the
walls of Zion but she stood like the
Rock of Ages (Jesus Christ).

There was some trouble here in the
church which was not settled in the
conference but the Lord sent Brother
John Burk, our state overseer, along
and after he got here and heard about
it, he called the brethren together
here at my father's home. After read-
ing a few verses of Scripture and hav-
ing prayer, he then looked at all of
us and said that we were all before
God and must weigh justice to each
other.

In the beginning which was along
about five o'clock in the afternoon it
seemed that there was a mountain to
be crossed but the next morning about
two o'clock through much prayer and
patience and working faithfully God
began to move the mountain away.
But all along through the night while
in this meeting, the enemy would try
to work his way in but Brother Burk
would exhort the brethren to keep
sweet in the Spirit. We all began to
feel the victory in our souls and the
trouble was settled satisfactorily with
each of the brethren. Just before day-
light the victory was completely won.
Brother Burk said, "Now we are all
feeling good in our souls." Each one
responded that he was satisfied. Then
the glory of God began to shine on
each face and there was a good old
time handshaking and greeting each
other. Brother Burk took out his
watch and said, "Brethren, it is now
four thirty o'clock in the morning.
Thank God, we have the victory in our
souls." There was a long way travel-
ed (spiritually) during the hours
of midnight and the early morning.

Dear beloved of the Lord, this was
a great lesson learned for myself that
will never be forgotten. Oh, how it
pays to wait upon God and deal gen-
tly and prayerfully. Brethren, there
is a good lesson to be learned here.
Never be too hasty but wait upon
God prayerfully. If any of the breth-
ren or sisters commit a fault or do
something wrong, don't tell every one
you see about it but get it before the
church in a meek humble way—al-
ways remember that there is an eye
of justice watching over you. We
grew and went a long way during the
time of this meeting.

Brother John Burk is a man of
God and is well thought of by all,
and loved much by the people of Ar-
kansas for his loyalty to the Church
and his pure Christian life and is ever
standing as a witness for our dear
Lord.

I am sending this to you through
the Evangel, hoping and praying it
will be a blessing to all who read it.
Your little unworthy brother in the
Lord,

Jesse Danehower,
Haynes, Ark.

Set Him to Thinking About His Future Destiny

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I find in the Evangel more food
for the soul than in any other relig-
ious paper that I have ever read.

I had been a Baptist all of my life
for my parents were Baptists before
me but in the Sunday school lessons
of 1921, fourth quarter, I studied the
life of Paul and his work. It was
then that I began to notice the differ-
ence there is in Paul's life and of the
early church and in the faith and
practice of the Baptist people of today,
so it put me to thinking about my
future destiny.

I knew that my sins were forgiven
long ago but I did not know anything
about any other experience of grace
needed till I read the book of Acts.
I believe I have been saved since 1886
when I gave my heart to the Lord
and since I felt the call to the minis-
try I have tried to preach the best I
could. "All along in my experience in
church work I found so many that I
couldn't get to lead in prayer, it was
a mystery to me for it was joy to me
to pray and do the best I could, and
when a man claims to be saved and
won't pray, he is not measuring up to
1 Pet. 2:9, "But ye are a chosen gen-
eration, a royal priesthood, an holy
nation, a peculiar people; that ye
should shew forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light." I fear those
who won't pray are not saved.

After looking through the book of
Acts, it caused me to see that I was
powerless to drive the truth to the
hearts of the people in the ministry
and has caused me to lay down all
the work of the church and erect a
family altar at home with daily Bible
reading and prayer to God for knowl-
edge and wisdom concerning God's
Word, so I will know the Bible, and
that I will be sanctified and baptized
with the Holy Ghost and that through
God's will and way I will be a power
to lead lost souls to Christ.

In studying the Bible I do not find

anything about the Baptist or the
Methodist church or any but God's
Church and it has caused me to see
that if I am a servant of God, I must
separate myself from the world and
be with God's people, for I cannot
say like Paul said in 2 Tim. 1:14,
"That good thing which was commit-
ted unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost
which dwelleth in us."

The great work is before me. I am
studying and praying to know how to
rightly divide His Word. I get much
joy and pleasure out of the Evangel.
As I read the letters from different
ones my heart wells up in praises to
God for the many blessings in life
and especially in the last months
since I have been praying to God dai-
ly to know His will and to be able to
live it by His help. I have left off
medicine and everything in my life
that is contrary to the Bible. When
I get a chance to speak a word for
Jesus I tell the people that they must
live to meet Jesus in peace or they
will be turned away from heaven.

Pray for me that I may let the
Lord lead me in His way, sanctify me
and fill me with the Holy Ghost and
that I may live a life above sin in this
world.

H. S. Crozier,
Armuchee, Ga.

Sunday School Class Helps Orphans Home

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I am sending five dollars (\$5.00)
which my class made up for the
Orphans Home. This is class No. 4
at the Dora church and the class has
been very enthusiastic in this work.
These are the names of the girls and
boys:

Louise Adair, Flossie Moor, Edith
Baird, Nellie McBrayer, Elita McBray-
er, Grace Browning, Ruby Dillard,
Lola Mae Dillard, Hartel Clark,
Flint Adair, Olen Tanner, Tom Hick-
embotham, Angulsh Downing, E. T.
Lantrip, Jr., Griffin Jones, Colen
Dunn, Arthur Echols, Rebora Ack-
erman.

Their teacher,
Mrs. W. H. Stephens,
Dora, Ala.

His Word Can Never Fail

Jesus the same yesterday, today
and forever, and He said, "All power
is given unto me in heaven and in
earth." "Himself took our infirmities
and bare our sicknesses."

We feel the Lord would have us tell
for His glory and to encourage faith
in His Word, of the marvelous healing
of a sister here.

One morning a short time ago
Brother John Burk and wife, with a
few other saints, were called to pray
for Sister Howerton. She was in
great agony from acute indigestion.
As we prayed she became cold and
numb all over and her fingers turned
purple from finger nails to first
joints. It appeared to us that she
was dying and to her also, we learned
afterwards. We still continued to
pray and hold on to God. When we
pleaded His promises and believed His
Word, deliverance came and she was
brought out of the bed by His mighty
power, shouting and praising God for
healing her. She did her work that
day and was at the meeting at night
telling of the wonderful things God
had done for her and is still healed.
Praise the Lord! Her father died
with acute indigestion. His Word
can never fail. His promises are yea
and amen in Christ Jesus.

Yours in His service,
H. L. Trim and wife,
Truman, Ark.

Unbelievers Convinced

Dear Evangel Readers:
Have just closed a five and a half
weeks meeting at Providence, Ky.,
with the following success. Thirteen
were saved, nine sanctified and one
received the Holy Ghost. This was a
new field and a hard one.

I had much opposition while there
and also some persecutions. I was
beaten by a drunk man in time of ser-
vice. I am still carrying bruises over
it. I just asked God to bless him as
he ran. I praise the Lord for the Holy
Ghost, I felt such sweet comfort
in my soul while he beat me with a
piece of plank two and a half feet
long, an inch thick and two and a
half inches wide. Then I went on
with the message and oh, how the
good Lord blessed me.

Loved ones on the battlefield, never
yield to Satan in the least. God
will a'ways give grace in time of need
to overcome. This was worth more
in the way of convincing unbelievers
than many sermons.

I did not do as well there as I hoped
to. I baptized only three and did not
establish the Church but I hope to in
the future. There is Church of God
material there that wants to come in-
to the Church.

Chas. L. Taylor and wife,
Morganfield, Ky.

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I am praising the Lord for what He
is to me. I can truly say that since I
have been in this way I have found
glory all the time. I have much to
praise God for. He saved me from a
devil's hell, sanctified me, counted me
worthy and heard my prayer and gave
me the blessed Holy Ghost. I expect
to stand true by the help of God.

I am nineteen years of age and the
devil tries to make me think I can't
live the life but I praise the Lord be-
cause I know I have salvation. I am
trusting Him for both soul and body.

I praise the Lord for the Young
Peoples Meeting and for the way He
has blessed us. I know with His
help it will be a success. It is growing
and the Lord is answering our pray-
ers. I believe that if we continue in
prayer we will have the best Young
Peoples meeting in Florida. I want
all the saints to pray for our meeting.
Pray for me that I may be more hum-
ble.

Your brother in Christ,
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The Beautiful Highway of Holiness

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel
Readers:

I am praising God for the way He
blesses me and because He rolled the
burden of sin from my heart, sanc-
tified me by His blood which was shed
on the tree and for the Comforter
which abides today.

Friends, we have so much to praise
God for, when we think how He loved
us so much that He sent His only
Son into this sinful world to suffer
and die that we might be saved. I do
not see how any one can stay in the
same old rugged path of sin when Je-

sus points out the beautiful highway
of holiness where we can have peace,
joy and happiness. We will have
persecutions if we follow Jesus for
they persecuted Him but, thank God,
He said He would not let us be
tempted above that which we are able
to bear. Oh, the many blessings He
gives us when we humble ourselves
so He can use us.

Dear ones, I want you all to pray
that God will send a wonderful reviv-
al here. Pray especially for the
young people of this town. We have
many trials and temptations when we
try to live a Christian life among
worldly boys and girls but we can
look to Jesus and He will give us
grace to go through. Pray for me that
I will be a help in pointing lost souls
to God.

Your sister in Christ,
Annie Clark,
Webster, Fla.

EARLY IMPRESSIONS OR FACTS

Leotta Williams

The earliest impressions are the
deepest. The recollection of child-
hood is never wholly obliterated from
the mind. We want to make the
days at home so happy that when the
children have grown to maturity and
have passed from our influence out in-
to the world's toil and strife, they
may look back upon childhood as a
joyous, beautiful and sacred portion
of their lives. Surely such memories
will make their hearts stronger and
their lives better.

Now we know that the mind is the
heart's mouth—thrust truth into the
child's mind, it is the bread of life to
the child, it will not stay in his mind.
It will sink down deeper, it will go to
the heart. And the hunger of the
heart will grow by what it feeds on—the
heart will crave more and more.
"Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness." Why?
Because they will eventually cease
from hungering—not at all, that would
be no blessing, but because "they shall
be filled," and they will keep on hun-
gering and thirsting to be filled again
and again. "Feed my sheep." "Feed
my lambs," truth is the bread of life.
Put truth into the mind—teach,
teach, teach!

THE PIT NOT THE EARTH

(Apocalypse, Chapter 20)

F. J. Lee

Ques. Beginning with the seventh verse, what is the pit called?

Ans. It is called a prison.

Ques. What do some commentators refer to as the chain and pit?

Ans. Some say that the reign of the saints will not be upon the earth and the wicked will be burned up root and branch, in this way the devil will be bound, not having any subjects to work upon, this is the chain of circumstance and the pit is this old blackened earth left in chaos after the saints are gone.

Ques. Is the rendering as above good logic?

Ans. No. Not according to the Scripture.

Ques. What distinction do we have between the pit and earth in chapter 9?

Ans. We find that a star (angel) comes to the earth and opens the bottomless pit and smoke comes out of the pit so dense that the sun is darkened and out of the pit also comes the wicked angels that had been kept there since losing their estate and these, referred to as locusts, come forth upon the earth for the purpose of tormenting men. Surely any one can see that the pit is one thing and the earth another, therefore, the pit to where Satan is to be cast and confined, as in a prison, is not upon the face of this earth.

Ques. What are some of the different renderings for pit?

Ans. Sometimes pit, as spoken of in the Bible, means the grave, also a hole in the ground as a well for water. Then at other times the term has reference to sheol, the place of departed spirits as in Job 17:16, "They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust." The Hebrew word here in this instance is sheol. I find several other instances where pit means sheol. In Revelation we have another pit, yet it is called the bottomless pit, yet it is where Satan is to be imprisoned.

Ques. How long is Satan to be imprisoned in this pit after being cast there from off the face of the earth?

Ans. He will remain there one thousand years.

Ques. Where will the saints be during this time?

Ans. John says, "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Verse 4.

Ques. Is this reign to be up in the air on some other planet?

Ans. The song of the elders and living creatures is, "And we shall reign on the earth." Chapter 5:10.

Ques. Should this not settle the question that the saints reign on earth during the thousand years and the devil and his hosts are cast down into the pit during this time?

Ans. Yes. This is the truth as revealed in God's Word.

Ques. I will ask again, "Why is he to be cast into the pit?"

Ans. That he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years are ended.

Ques. Do you suppose that there is a likelihood of him deceiving the glorified saints?

Ans. No. They will have conquered death, hell and the grave.

Ques. Well, what nations is he liable to deceive during this thousand years, if the wicked are to be annihilated and the righteous are with Christ somewhere?

Ans. The truth of the matter is, the wicked in general shall not be burned at the beginning of the thousand years, only the prominent portions of the antichrist's armies will be burned in the valley of Tophet, this is referred to as ashes under the feet of His people, the Jews. After the nations are judged the goat nations will be destroyed but the righteous nations, those that are morally good, not spiritually good, will go out into the Millennium. These are the ones that shall be protected from Satan's onslaught, not by killing them but by Satan being placed in prison, the pit.

Ques. What takes place at the end of the thousand years?

Ans. He is loosed for a little season.

Ques. Why then is he loosed?

Ans. The thousand years are up and he will then come out of the pit, he was made no better by his punishment, but he will make for the nations with his deceptiveness, who will have an easy prey to him because they have not the Spirit of the Lord but have only been held under or subdued as with a rod of iron and had been forced to offer homage to the Lord the thousand years on penalty of no rain if they refused.

(To be Continued)

ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Pet. 2:9.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Lucille McClure,
Waltham, Mass.

Burdened For the Orphans

She stood at the bar of justice,
A creature wan and wild,
In form too small for a woman,
In features too old for a child;
For a look so wan and pathetic
Was stamped on that fair young face,
It seemed long years of suffering,
Had left their silent trace.

"Your name?" said the judge as he eyed her

With kindly look, yet keen;
"Is Mary McGuire, if you please, sir,"
"And your age?" "I have turned sixteen."

"Well, Mary," and then from a paper He slowly and gravely read,

"You are charged here, I'm sorry to say,
With stealing three loaves of bread."

"You look not like an offender,
And I can trust that you can show
The charge to be false, now tell me,
Are you guilty of this or no?"

A passionate burst of weeping,
As at first her sole reply;
She dried her tears in a moment
And looked in the judge's eye.

"I will tell just how it was, sir,
My father and mother are dead,
And my little brothers and sisters
Were hungry and asked me for bread;

At first I earned it for them
By working hard all day,
But somehow times were hard, sir,
And the work all fell away.

"I could get no more employment,
The weather was bitter cold,
The young ones cried and shivered,
Little Johnnie's but three years old;

So what was I to do, sir?
I am guilty, do not condemn,
I took, oh, was it stealing,
The bread to give to them?"

Every man in the courtroom,
Graybeard and thoughtless youth,
Knew as they looked upon her,
That the prisoner spoke the truth;

Out from the pockets came handkerchiefs
And out from their eyes came tears,
And out from old faded wallets,
Treasures hoarded for years.

The judge's face was a study,
The stranger you ever saw,
As he wiped the tears and murmured
Something about the law;

For one so learned in such matters,
So wise in dealing with men,
He seemed on a simple question,
Sorely perplexed just then.

But no one blamed him or wondered,
When at length these words were heard,
"The sentence of this young prisoner
Is for the present deferred."

And no one blamed him or wondered,
When he went to her and smiled,
And tenderly led from the courtroom
Himself, the guilty child.

Oh, may God help us to move up a little in doing our best for the orphans. This poem touches my heart when I think of things happening every day like this. We do not know but what it will be our little ones next who will be left alone in the streets. The busy world moves on just the same after we are gone and who will look after and love and kiss our little ones for us when we have crossed over to be with Jesus?

As the tears fill my eyes I feel a feeling of comfort creeping over me as something seems to say, "The Church of God orphanage." Oh, how I wish I could do more. I feel so burdened some times. Dear ones, let us help bear the burdens, if we can't help we can surely pray.

As I sat in the Assembly building and saw those little boys and girls march in and sing about the orphans, it left a feeling in my heart that cannot be erased.

Surely the dear Lord is coming soon, let us be found faithful in every thing.

A sister who feels the burden of little fatherless and motherless children,

Mrs. Stella Miller,
88 Michigan Ave.,
W. Asheville, N. C.

Signs Following the Believers Today

D. R. Holcomb

We are living in the greatest dispensation that that this world has ever known, the days of the latter outpouring of the Holy Ghost. God has poured out His Spirit in these last days upon all who would dare to accept this wonderful truth that God has revealed to His people. He has given them what He gave to His disciples on the day of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Ghost, casting out devils and laying hands on the sick that they might be healed.

Jesus told the disciples before He ascended to go back to Jerusalem, and tarry until they were endued with power from on high. He said, "But ye shall receive power; after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." They tarried in the upper room and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues (in the languages of the nations)." It was noised abroad and the people came together and fifteen nationalities heard them speak in their own tongues wherein they were born, the wonderful works of God. Some mocked and said, "These men are full of new wine. But Peter arose and said, 'These are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.'

Signs and wonders followed. The lame man at the beautiful gate leaped and walked, the sick were laid in the streets of Jerusalem and were healed every one and they went out and preached this gospel, God working with them and confirming the Word with signs following and today the signs and wonders are following the preaching of this gospel, the drunkard is delivered, consumption, paralysis and all manner of diseases are healed because God poured out His Spirit on a people who would humble themselves and say, "Take everything but give me power to pray the prayer of faith that the sick may be healed and souls delivered."

You can walk so close to God that He will purify your life of all inbred sin and baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire and you can pray the prayer of faith but it is not you who heals the sick, it is God, the glory belongs to Him, the power is His and the virtue is His. It flows through your body because God has cleansed your life but it is Jesus who does the work. The Holy Ghost came into your life to mold and fashion and shape and plan for you. The baptism

of the Holy Ghost is the most wonderful crowning grace that God ever gave to a human soul this side of the pearly gates.

To look on His face will be grand but it is heaven below to have the Trinity, the three in one, abiding in the heart as you walk the streets of the cities that are polluted by sin and vice and yet have the Trinity abiding in your heart, the mighty gift of power upon the clean life. The great teacher comes in at justification in a measure and the Spirit leads and guides and teaches and leads you deeper in God at sanctification but when the Comforter Himself comes into the sanctified heart and takes up His abode, the glory of God is beyond words to express. It is only through His Word and power that we could ever attain to it and possess it.

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Are You On Your Way to That Glory Land?

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers Everywhere—Greetings:

I am praising God for full and free salvation and because I am numbered among His peculiar people. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and on my run for the glory land where I expect to see my blessed Savior face to face.

Dear friends, are you on your way to that glory land? Are you doing your best to enter therein? Jesus said many are called but few chosen. How I praise Him because He has chosen me. "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deut. 7:6. God's people are a special people because they take the whole Bible rightly divided and live up to what it says. Praise God! Paul said in Tit. 2:13-14, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

We are redeemed, purified and zealous of good works for the old man has been put out and the new man is dwelling within. Peter said, "But

ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Pet. 2:9.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Lucille McClure,
Waltham, Mass.

Mother's Prayers Answered

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for full and free salvation. I praise Him because He answered mother's prayers about two years ago. I was a sinner but I had a praying mother and God answered her prayers. He saved, sanctified and gave me the precious Holy Ghost and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Acts 2:4. I praise Him because I have victory in my soul and because I am a member of the dear Church of God. I love her teachings.

I praise Him that I had the privilege of attending the Bible School last winter. It surely was a great blessing to me. The people at Cleveland were so good and kind that it seemed almost like home. We surely had two fine teachers, they were so kind and good to us. I learned many things about the One who gave Himself for you and me.

I am waiting for school to begin again. It has helped me so much and if you will go to school, it will help you to work for the Master. If you feel that the Lord wants you to work for Him, why not go to the Church of God Bible Training School and prepare yourself for service?

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. Are you studying to shew yourself approved? If not, don't fail to attend the next term of school beginning Sept. 18. I desire your prayers.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Herbert A. Carter,
Monaville, W. Va.

Striving to Enter in at the Strait Gate

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising the Lord because I am saved and sanctified and seeking a closer walk with Jesus. I am praising the Lord for the dear old Church of God and because I am a member. My husband is a member also and he has the Holy Ghost. I have been seeking the Holy Ghost for some time and I want all who read this to pray for me to receive Him.

I am trusting the Lord for my healing. A little over a year ago I quit taking doctor's medicine and sent a handkerchief to Brother Tomlinson to be anointed for stomach trouble and the Lord wonderfully healed me, also of liver trouble. Before I began trusting the Lord for my healing I almost lived on medicine. I am in better health than I have been in for twenty years.

I joined the church when I was a little Sunday school girl and was raised by a Christian mother who is dead now. She went out one evening to a ladies prayer meeting and was well as usual and testified in the meeting. After she testified she was taken sick and never spoke another word and died in a little while. She is gone to rest and I am striving to enter in at the strait gate. Praise His name forever.

After I was married I joined the Methodist church and lived like I thought a Christian ought, but when I saw the light on the Bible I found I was not what a Christian ought to be. I went to the altar till I knew I was sanctified and have a strong determination to go all the way with Jesus. He says He will never leave nor forsake us. I want all Jesus has for me. Sometimes the trials get so hard, I have been seeking the Holy Ghost so long. I will never turn back but I mean to go all the way with Jesus. I love my blessed Savior

Filled With the Holy Ghost

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All Saints:

This is my first letter to you but I have been reading the Evangel and feel quite well acquainted with you already.

I am glad to tell you that I am a member of the Church of God at this place and have been convinced through the teaching of Brother Gammon and Brother Lennon of Virginia. I praise the Lord for leading me in the light and giving me the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name forever! I was once a member of the Dunkard Church but never knew anything about Pentecost or talking in tongues until Brother Gammon came here last winter and held a weeks meeting. He gave me the light and later on I was filled with the Holy Ghost and talked in tongues. Hallelujah!

The devil has deceived so many people here, my husband included, un-

til they think the Church of God people are being led by the wrong spirit. My husband has not allowed me to go inside the church now for over a week but I just pray and keep close to God. There are only about ten members here but they are all alive and on fire for God. I know they will do a mighty work here.

My husband believes in Spiritualism and says that the people who talk in tongues are mediums, and don't know it. A long time ago I tried to find out what there was in his way of believing and while I sat with him for development I had good results along that line. I could make the table walk and could answer all questions given me and the spirits would control me and I would write messages but I never could believe it was right. I gave it up and took up the church.

We moved here last summer and I could not get to my own church and I just stayed at home all summer. I prayed that the Lord would open the way for me to have a place to worship in. In the fall the weather got cold and we moved our laundry back in our living room to save fuel and the holiness people came along and rented our old laundry room which is a part of our house and set up a little mission church here. I knew the Lord had answered my prayer so I joined them and it made the devil angry, now he is working through my husband and I am not permitted to attend the meeting. But the Lord has given me the gift of charity which is patience and long suffering. I know that my Father in heaven, whom I love and worship, will in time set me free, in the meantime I will watch and pray.

Please remember my husband and family in your prayers. Also pray that I may prove faithful to the end. Amen.

Mrs. Edna Reller,
Gas City, Ind.

One-Year Guarantee Against Backsliding

Many good Christians need something like that. All of us have known splendid and promising Christians, especially younger ones, who have gradually, almost imperceptibly, grown indifferent and cold.

One of the main reasons for this is that they fail to read the Bible, and love it and cherish it, and LEARN IT. It is the food that the Christians requires. Prayer has its part, and the Study of the Bible has its part.

If you want to make sure that you will grow in grace during the next twelve months—if you want to make sure that you won't backslide—if you want to reduce the possibilities that you will backslide almost to a minimum, let us give you a suggestion that has proved itself over and over again:

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You can take it up in a home study course that will make the Blessed Old Book more real to you than ever before. You'll grow in grace as you never did before.

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But we carry on his message: Read and Study the Bible. It's easy and delightful, if you study the B. T. S. way. Have you seen our catalogue that describes the course? It is free for the asking. Write us today for it. It is worth reading even if you don't think you are quite ready to start the course.

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This paper is surely welcomed in our home and we surely enjoy reading it.

Pray for me to stand true and receive the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. E. E. Banks,
Carbon Hill, Ala.

Souls Were Blessed and Sick Healed

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Evangel Family:

I am praising God tonight for saving me from my sins, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire, Praise God! I am one of the Evangel readers.

I was living in Miami, Fla., over three years and I could hear of souls getting saved all around but heard nothing about the Bahamas. I knew the Lord had called me several years ago and I kept resisting His call, but one day I told my boss man that I could work with him only two more days. He asked me why I wanted to leave and I told him I was employed by another man and that was God and I was leaving for the Bahamas.

I reached Nassau alright, came on the same boat our dear Brother Llewellyn came on. He gave out some wonderful teachings through the power of the Holy Ghost. We thank God for sending him to Nassau.

After that I went to Cat Island, Port Howe. I met a sister there and ran a few days meeting, but we did not have much success. I then came to Night, Moss Town. The Lord blessed wonderfully confirming His word with signs following. Souls were blessed and the sick were healed. One was saved, one sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. There is no church there.

I reached Long Cay, May 17th. I met an evangelist, Sister Marley, and we had some wonderful meetings. I then came to Crooked Island. Brother and Sister Ferguson were glad to see us and we had a good meeting. Two were saved, three sanctified and fourteen received the Holy Ghost.

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Looking for Jesus to Come

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God because I am on the hallelujah side and can walk the straight and narrow path that leads to heaven, not for all earth's golden millions would I leave this precious place. Glory to God in the highest.

About a year ago the blessed Savior saved my soul from the terrible flames of hell and about six weeks ago I became a member of the dear old Church of God which bears the name of our dear Redeemer whom we are looking for to come soon after His loved ones who will be without spot or wrinkle. Hallelujah to Jesus, He is so precious to me.

I ask all who read this to pray for me that I may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Your little sister in Jesus,
Allie Whitlow,
Kellyville, W. Va.

Living Above Sin

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greeting:

I am praising the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I praise Him for keeping me above sin. I praise God that I haven't taken a drop of medicine for three years and for keeping me each day.

I am a little girl ten years old and want the saints to pray that I may live closer to God.

Your little sister in Christ,
Iva Herron,
2071 Sherman Ave.,
Norwood, Ohio.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To Whom This May Concern
Any minister, clerk or member wishing a notice, request, report or any writing to be printed in the Evangel of a certain date should send writing to the Evangel office at least two weeks before that date, to assure getting it in the paper on the date desired. This applies more especially to notices of meetings and requests for the sick.

"For the Shame of Christ."

(Continued from page one.)

ing, "There goes one who follows the Lamb whither he goeth."

"But can't we do it cheaper?"

We have tried other and softer methods and have notably failed! Five hundred millions of heathen have never yet been evangelized, so it is computed! Yet our great missionary societies have reached high water mark, and if they have not already begun to retrench are seriously thinking of doing so. Meanwhile the heart of Asia, the heart of Africa, and well-nigh the whole continent of South America, are untouched with the Gospel of Christ.

The world lies open before the Christians of today,

but there is no possibility of occupying it for Christ except by a crusade. We have an invincible armament—the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. We have an unconquerable commander—the Holy Ghost. Hitherto we have bound Him with our traditions and prejudices, our disobedience and internal dissensions, our love of life and lack of faith and love. Let us up and avenge the Shame of Christ.

"He could not bring them into the promised land of the world," they say. It is only too true. "He could not!" Yes, but only because we would not follow and obey Him; only because we love our lives and the world better than we love Christ and His sheep!

It is not that we do not know, but that we will not do. "Ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." We have churches and chapels, missions and conventions. About 50 million addresses of all sorts are given every year in the British Isles alone.

We are being drowned in a deluge of words!

Words without deeds! What ark can save us? Deeds, not words. Not words but deeds must win the world for Christ! Deeds that carry the Word of Life to the uttermost parts of the earth! "Why call ye Me Lord! Lord! and do not the things that I say?" "He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever!" Then I will be a doer—a Crusader—whatever!

There's the trumpet sounding the charge again! I dare not stay any longer! Once more, and for the last time, "Are you coming?" "Will you, too, take the cross?" No! Well! What? "I want more more golf first!" "Well, I never." "I would like to shoot some more partridges." My word! "Well, I really think I ought to enlarge my mind a bit more first by a continental tour!" Hum! Well! let me go and buy my parents first, and then * * *

Oh, yes! I think I've heard that before—the gospels!

"But I want to get strong ere I go!" Then you will go weak, for "when we are weak then are we strong!"

"But it does not appeal to me like that!" No! perhaps not! Perhaps this will appeal to you presently before the throne, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least ye did it not unto Me!"

"Well, anyhow, I feel a call to stay at home!"

"Yes! It's safer, no doubt! Like rearing tame pheasants and potting at them instead of going to shoot big game! Just look! There goes old Diogenes again, with his candle, poking around to see if he can find 'a Man!' Hullo there, Diogenes! No use there! Look among the women! Try the suffragettes! 'Men' are as rare as the Dodo—Christian men, I mean!"

What did Pizarro say? "Choose each man what best becomes a brave Castilian." Thirteen stepped across the line! Thirteen against the 200,000 soldiers of Peru! They went and won!

What does Christ say? "Choose each man what best becomes a brave and loyal Christian."

"Whosoever doth not bear His cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

Onward, Christian Soldiers!

Christ, the Royal Master, leads against the foe!

Ye that are "men" now serve Him!

No cross! No crown!

Here! Give me the cross, else I'll have nothing to lay at the feet of Jesus presently.

If the cross I boldly bear then my crown He shall wear—

Shall I be carried to the skies,

On flowery beds of ease,

While others fought to win the prize,

And sailed through bloody seas?

"Lord! bid me come unto Thee upon the waters."

And He answered COME!"

Yea, Lord, I come, for the shame of Christ and the lands overseas.

Beloved, the above article was sent to me some years ago by Brother Studd's brother, who is a Missionary in Africa. It greatly stirred my heart at the time and I have had in mind many times to pass it on to you dear ones. Now that the Church is so in need of missionaries to go to China and many of the saints are crying out to God to thrust forth laborers it seems a good time to pass it on and ask WHO will arise and go forth NOW to save the work which has already been established in dark China.

The Chinese Christians are praying that God will raise up others to go with me and I have great faith in the prayers of the Chinese. They also want me to return at the earliest date possible and it does rejoice my heart that we are really wanted over there. The heathen also are wanting us to hurry and come.

I have, by faith in God and His Church, engaged passages, sailing from Vancouver, Canada, in August

for TWENTY CHURCH OF GOD missionaries. The passages must be used. We could not afford to send out less than TWENTY at this time. The work in China MUST NOW rise and shine or go down. We have been battling for several years over there and God has been pleased to bless our unworthy efforts and we have work established over there which many other Christian bodies would be glad to take over any day but we CAN'T AFFORD to let them have it. Therefore, we must arise in the strength of the Lord God Almighty and go forth AT ONCE to avenge the shame of Christ. I told you in another letter how we could easily arrange the financial side; now I am appealing on the spiritual.

Please, every one who is ready to go AT ONCE, or in August, get your church's and pastor's endorsement and write a letter to Brother Tomlinson and send it in immediately, then it will be passed upon and headquarters will communicate with you and things will be quickly arranged. Your letter will be sent on to me. In this way all will be kept in close touch with each other—like an army—and know what to do next.

I am so worn from travel I can do very little more of it and must save myself for the long journey of three weeks, back to China.

How I would love to see every one. God has blessed us in meetings every where I have been and it has been so precious to meet with the saints. Truly He has melted our hearts together in love.

There are several who are in the "valley of decision"—would love to go—but—Please let them communicate with me at once so I will know if I can count on you.

Your sister, soul hungry,

Jennie B. Rushin.

An Appeal to the Pastors

To the Saints Scattered Abroad—

Greetings:

We had the pleasure of having with us in our state camp meeting, June 3-13, Sister Rushin from China. We surely appreciate her.

As she told us of the great need of the gospel in far away China, a land of over four hundred million people whose minds are darkened, where poverty and superstition cast a pall of gloom over people's lives, our hearts were stirred and it seemed that we could see their poor hands outstretched and hear their anxious cry, "Come over and help us."

I make this appeal to the pastors of the great Church of God in the homeland, let us get this on our hearts and stand by our dear ones who leave home and friends to carry the glad tidings of joy to those poor people. When the final day has come, may we hear Jesus say as He said of the woman, "She hath done what she could." May God help us to rally to the call and carry on, till the Church Jesus purchased with His own blood shines forth in all her beauty and power in that needy field.

Yours for the Master,

I. H. Marks.

Burdened for Hungry China

Dear Saints of God—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am praising God for the call to work for Him. For several weeks the Spirit has been speaking through me, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and other like messages calling me to the foreign field. Many times my heart has been stirred at the thought of missions. When the Lord sanctified me I consecrated my service to Him for missions. I had never received such a blessing. What love, joy and peace I felt! Praise His sweet name! I felt the great need of evangelizing the world. Now, praise God, I have the full gospel, the gospel which Christ said must be preached to the ends of the earth before Jesus comes, to tell the nations.

After meeting and talking with Sister Rushin at the Wimauma camp meeting I am greatly stirred for China. Oh, how hungry I became to go with her. I could hardly wait for the Lord to make known His will concerning me. Now, praise God, from several tarrying meetings, during which the Holy Ghost talked through me and gave interpretation, I am fully persuaded that God wants me in China. Thursday night, June 16th, while others were burdened for souls at the altar at the camp meeting the Lord took me to Sister Rushin and as He called me and I manifested my willingness to go He burdened me for China. He melted the sweetest most perfect unity in bearing the same burden for China.

The Lord not only called me as a "chosen vessel" but promised me "souls for my hire" and His presence throughout my life for Him. He told me to stay humble and obedient, ready to follow wherever He leads me. I shall have trials and tribulations but, praise God, I shall have a home in that heavenly city, of which the Spirit delights to sing to me and many souls from China which He shall give me if I obey Him.

God's promises are sure and as children of God we can claim all of them. We want to take a company of twenty missionaries to China and have the faith to trust that we shall get them. Also the same God who calls laborers into the harvest can supply the needs of every one. Praise His holy name!

According to the will of God Sister Rushin and I shall tour the country together to stir up everybody to GO OR SEND. We are going forth in His name. Watch and pray for us, that God may have His way with us and use us for His glory.

In Jesus' name for hungry China,

Ina Louise Yingst,

Tampa, Fla.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

C. M. Padgett

One time a certain man came to Jesus and said, "Master, which is the greatest commandment?" The reply was, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The first includes the giving of the mind and the will over entirely into the hands of God and doing this with great delight. When God has control of the will He has control of the whole man. The next concludes love to humanity, created intelligence, which He created to love and glorify Himself but by transgression has gone far away from God.

The greatest commission that Jesus gave to man was to go the world over and teach others to be reconciled to God, "Go ye" and teach (make disciples) all nations." John Wesley once said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor (every man) as thyself." How can we do this unless we are willing to deny ourselves that others may know about the God we serve, and be saved? Many plans have been made to make the world better but the only hope of the world is Jesus.

At one time when the apostle Paul was undecided where to go, he had a vision of a man from Macedonia saying, "Come over and help us." Just look at war-ravaged and stricken Russia with her 180,000,000 hands stretching out for help, then at Africa with 180,000,000 reaching out from heathen darkness, then turn your eyes toward dark India with her 300,000,000, now turn your eyes towards a dark ocean of 400,000,000 of living human beings whose hearts are beating just like yours and mine, who have a living soul just like we have and Jesus died to save them just the same as He died to save us. Behold, a land of idols, queues, crushed feet and darkened souls—China with 400,000,000 of souls and 800,000,000 hands stretched out for help. Can they be saved without the light? Can they be saved without believing? "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom. 10:14.

They are sinking, starving, perishing, going down into eternal despair. Do you not care? Where is the salt that Jesus spoke of? Can you see the city set on a hill? Is the candle burning brightly on the candlestick? Jesus is handing the loaves and fishes to the Church of God. Will you distribute to the fainting multitudes and not send them away empty? The gospel first came to the Jews. The Jewish missionaries at the risk of their lives carried the message in to Macedonia and Italy. From Rome it leaped across the mountains into the northern countries. At one time a group of children were seen sleeping on the streets of Rome. They were brought from England to be sold as slaves. Hildebrand asked who they were. They answered, "Angles." "Not angles but angels" said, Hildebrand, because they were so fair. Hildebrand determined to send missionaries to England and we know the results. From England the message of full salvation was brought to the American shores and out of the seed planted there, the light on the Church of God sprang forth.

An acorn falls to the ground, springs up, grows and becomes a mighty oak tree. She shakes herself in the breeze and scatters her acorns till the mountains, hills and valleys are covered with green foliage. At one time the great Church of God was small and weak but now her boughs are like the cedars of Lebanon or the firs of California and is reaching into the heavens and shaking herself. She is scattering the message by tracts, papers, magazines, books and fire baptized missionaries till the world is rapidly being sown by the seed of full salvation.

In an imaginary picture we see a bird pick up a seed and fly to a distant land, yield up its life and drop the seed to the ground. The showers come from heaven, it comes up and grows, becomes great and fills the land. Isn't this a picture of our dear Sister Rushin who has flown to China and planted the gospel seed? It is now beginning to grow. She is giving her life for the work and is in America now in behalf of this great field. Shall we not stand by her?

Intends to Fight the Battle Through

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints

—Greetings:

This morning finds me still saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and fighting the devil on every hand. Bless the Lord. I have been in this way four years this summer. I am the only one in my family who has the Holy Ghost and I intend to fight the battle through in spite of the enemy.

I am so glad that Brother Rush ever came here and preached the full gospel. Bless the Lord! There are still a few of us here holding on to God.

Last winter a spider bit me on my arm. That night I went to prayer service with a very high fever. I asked the saints to pray for me. We all got hold of God and I was wonderfully healed. I give God the glory for it. My youngest child has had lung trouble ever since she was an infant and she grew worse and worse so I sent a handkerchief to headquarters to be anointed and as soon as the handkerchief came, she

Jesus the Great Healer

began to get better but she isn't well yet so I want all the saints to pray that the Lord will heal her entirely.

I thank God for the grand old Church of God. I love her government and teaching and pay tithes. I believe in doing what God says for us to do. We have a nice little church house here and three have received the Holy Ghost lately. Glory to God! I feel the fire burning in my soul.

Your sister in Christ,

Emma Adams,

Crockett, Tex.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints

of God Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for salvation through the blood of Jesus and for the Holy Ghost that abides just now. I praise the Lord for the church at Carbon Hill and for sending Brother Luther Richard and Brother McCoy to Carbon Hill with the true gospel.

I am praising the Lord for His wonderful healing power. My husband was taken with gall stones and was real bad. We called for the saints to come in and pray for him. He was perfectly cold to his knees and elbows and his finger nails were purple. I had about given up all hopes of him getting well and thought it was his time to go. The saints gathered around the bed and we began to pray. The power fell and Brother Luther Richard, under the power, cast the demon out and he was healed. One sister who is not a member of the Church of God was standing by and saw the demon as it was cast out. She became frightened and left the room. Glory! I am telling this for the glory of God.

Pray for my unsaved children that they may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for husband and me that we may ever stay humble at the foot of the cross and do the little things that He would have us do.

Nannie Ingram,

Carbon Hill, Ala.

The Guide Book

Ask for the guide book—the Bible

from heaven.

For our salvation its pages were given;

If of a truth you're seeking the way,

Ask for the guide Book, believe and obey.

Heed not the voices that bid you remain,

Heed not the false guides who seek only gain;

Ask for the guide Book, its teachings are true,

Heeding it daily will carry you through.

Thousands are traveling in death's downward way,

Few walk the path that is narrow to-day;

One is the wrong way and one is the right.

Though you may teach that the Saviour has died,

Claim to be just and appear sanctified;

Still if the law of the Lord you deny,

Vain your profession the Lord will reply.

Sent in by W. L. Lindsay.

Determined to Go On

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints

Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am glad to report victory over sin and the devil. I praise the Lord for saving me, sanctifying me by His precious blood and filling me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance according to Acts 2:4. Praise God! I am praising God because I have been added to the great Church of God. "And the Lord should be saved." Acts 2:47.

I am glad I am in this way and am not tired of the way but it grows brighter and sweeter every day. I have many trials and temptations but I praise God because He is able to help us bear them. I praise God for what He is to me. He is my all and all. Glory to God! I am glad I have my face set toward heaven and my eyes set on Jesus. I am more determined to go on than ever before.

I have many loved ones out in sin and darkness and I want to be the means of leading them to God before it is too late. Dear ones, let us hold on to God and He will take us through. Praise His dear name!

I thank the Lord for the Church of God at Williamsburg. Pray that it may stand above all the enemy can do.

Your sister under the blood,

Ola Mae Henrix,

Williamsburg, Ky.

The Way Grows Brighter

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am really praising God for victory in my soul. I love Jesus above every thing in this world. I am so glad He is able to heal our bodies when we go to Him in humble prayer. My baby was sick and the Lord wonderfully healed her. Praise His dear name!

I am praising Him for sanctifying me with His precious blood and making me clean and holy. I have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost for nearly nine years but have been in the great Church of God about eight months. The way grows brighter every day. I am glad I ever found this way and that the Lord has planted my feet on higher ground.

Pray for me that I may ever be found humble at His feet.

Your sister under the blood,

Bertie Clark,

Holly Ridge, La.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

O. L. Williams

"Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God." Deut. 18:13. We hear Jesus in Matt. 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This teaching runs through the whole Bible as a golden cord but the first glance at Matt. 5:48 might lead one who has not received the Holy Ghost to say that it is impossible for any man who lives in this world to be perfect even as our Father which is in heaven is perfect. But these are the words of Jesus. Will any one charge Jesus with teaching His disciples to attempt impossibilities?

Mr. Webster defines perfection as quality or state of being perfect or complete so nothing requisite is wanting.

Let us consider a few passages from both the Old and New Testaments. According to the Lord's standard Noah was a just man and perfect. Job was perfect and upright, one that feared God and eschewed evil. In 1 Cor. 2:6 we hear Paul saying, "We speak wisdom among them that are perfect." How could that be done if there were no perfect ones in the world? Jesus says every one that is perfect shall be as his Master. Would He have spoken this if there had not been some who were perfect? He does not say every one shall be perfect but every one that is perfect. The man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

These are a few samples of what can be found on this subject in the Bible. No one can truthfully say that the Bible does not teach the doctrine of perfection but let us see if we can find of what this perfection consists. It does not consist of deeds; it does not consist of words; it does not consist of thoughts. Some may be astonished at these statements and say I have a very low standard of Christian perfection but just wait and I think you will say it is high enough when rightly understood. Perhaps a brief explanation of these propositions should be given before I proceed any further, in order to remove some of the astonishment that may have been awakened.

Why are we not required to be perfect in deeds? It is because of our lack of knowledge. Perfect deeds admit no mistakes. I do not mean sins. A word misspelled and figures wrongly added are mistakes but mistakes are consistent with Christian perfection. The same is true of words and thoughts. We say things we would not have said had we known how they would have been understood. We said the best we knew at the time but afterwards learned we were mistaken, consequently the words were not perfect. We are often mistaken in our thoughts, thus placing them among the imperfect things.

No one in this world is absolutely perfect in deeds, words and thoughts. Absolute perfection is peculiar to the Lord who knows all things, therefore, He never makes a mistake. Each person must decide for himself whether he will be perfectly honest, truthful and virtuous, whether he will submit unreservedly to the Lord and be perfectly obedient to all His will and seek to please Him in all things forever, at any cost. In this way he is free from all doubts of his acceptance or worry about the future. He has a calm quiet rest of mind. While storms of fearful character may be raging he can say, The eternal God is my refuge, His peace is like the deep water of the ocean where winds and waves never disturb. The Church of God teaches a life above sin and we must live this life to be free from sin. But the world will go and hear us preach a life above sin and then look at our mistakes and say we do not live above sin. The worldly man is looking at the mistakes we are making either in deed, word or thought, while we are just as perfect in heart as Jesus Himself.

The question now arises, Of what does Christian perfection consist, if not in deeds, words or thoughts? Christian perfection consists of the work of the heart, will, motive, intention or choice.

"Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days." 1 Kings 15:14. No doubt King Asa made mistakes like other men but he had the right motive by which he was governed, called a perfect heart.

King Hezekiah said, "I have walked before thee (the Lord) in truth and with a perfect heart." 2 Kings 20:3. The moral quality of all actions is in the will. We do not sin until the will consents to what we know is not right. Hezekiah had a perfect will. "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God." 1 Kings 8:61.

We are nowhere taught to be perfect in knowledge or wisdom. The following is a text that every one will do well to commit to memory: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chr. 16:9. The Lord separates those that have perfect hearts. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. A pure heart and a perfect heart are the same. How may we obtain a perfect heart? This is answered in the words quoted by Jesus, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." John 17:23.

We should not claim that we are perfect in our deeds and words and thoughts. If we do the world may catch us in a mistake and this would be a sin for we had claimed to be perfect in our deeds, but let us prove to the world that we are perfect in heart by staying humble at the feet

of Jesus, willing to make right any mistake we might make. There is a wide difference between purity and maturity. There is no limit to Christian growth in this world, provided the heart is kept pure. The child that is physically perfect grows to be a perfect physical man so only the pure in heart can continue to grow up into Christ, this living head. The heart of the young convert may be as perfect as that of the oldest saint but he is not as strong. The wood in the little oak tree may be just as perfect as that in one a hundred years old but the young one could be pulled up very easily while it would require much labor to dig up the aged tree. The young saint should be as honest, truthful and virtuous as he will after he has been in the Lord's service forty years. He does not grow more honest but grows stronger in honesty.

This brings us back to the question, How can we have a perfect heart? All must admit that when one gets the Holy Ghost he is perfect and it is the privilege of any Christian to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Paul says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man desire the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16.

The Holy Spirit when in man is just as holy as when in Christ, and when men become holy temples because of the presence of the divine nature, which is a holy nature, the Holy Spirit which fills the heart of the Christian will lead him to be as honest as God, from whom the Spirit proceeds, and as truthful; thus he becomes perfect even as his Father which is in heaven is perfect.

The man deserves no praise for being perfect but the glory all belongs to the Lord, for devising such a plan by which man can have a perfect heart, will or motive, because the Lord abides in him by the power of His perfect Spirit. The Lord only requires His saints to come up to the standard that every good being loves and admires. Would any respectable person desire a life companion who is dishonest, unchaste, untruthful, cruel and full of selfishness? Certainly not, the Lord has not forbidden one thing desired by a holy person. A person who has a pure heart is willing for everybody to know about his life. No one with a perfect heart is ashamed of his motive; if he is mistaken he loves to be corrected, it is his delight to be as near right as possible. It is only the impure who try to conceal their motive; purity never seeks concealment. A man with a perfect heart loves to obey God. It is no burdensome task. He would not have one commandment changed. He chooses to do the will of the Lord at any cost and under all circumstances. In every situation obedience is a pleasure to him.

In a perfect heart will be found no anger, pride, impatience, strife, envy, covetousness, lasciviousness or other wickedness. The man with a perfect heart is filled with perfect love, perfect peace, perfect patience, perfect honesty, perfect obedience and perfect trust in the Lord. I may make mistakes but may God help me to ever have a perfect heart and motive.

Sinners in Zion Are Afraid

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad:

I have such a burden on my heart tonight for this lost world that I can't keep my fingers and pen still. I want to tell how I got saved and when and where I was convinced.

I was living a moral life at home and abroad and was claiming that to be salvation, not realizing that morality without the blood availed me nothing or did I see John 3:7 in the way it is. I had heard it preached many times, still I could not grasp the meaning until one blessed afternoon in May, 1903, our island was visited by an evangelist, Brother Kindridge, a noble gospel preacher. He preached in the open air, on the street corner, just in front of my residence from Isa. 33:14. "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites." I knew I was a sinner because I was unsaved. Right then I was arrested and I made an unconditional surrender and that very moment I received the second birth. Praise be to His precious name! Though I was a child of God I did not see the necessity of confessing Him to the world, I believe I was ashamed to do so. After a careful study of my Bible, reading Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 12:8; Heb. 13:15, I saw what the results would be if I did not and I wanted to have the inheritance of my heavenly Father.

I remember one blessed morning when a small band of Pentecostal brethren landed on the shores of Ragged Island. There was a large gathering of the natives and Brother Tomlinson delivered a very appropriate message. I remember how I appreciated them as brethren in the Lord—all one in Christ Jesus. I was told that a paper was printed in Cleveland, Tenn., called the Church of God Evangel. I have been a subscriber ever since and my experience has increased greatly since reading the papers and comparing the Bible with its teachings. I advise all readers of the Evangel to subscribe for the paper and let us keep it up.

I would like to know if that fifteen year old colored boy got saved from being hung.

There are no Pentecostal gatherings here and only a few believe in that way. I would like for a holiness preacher to come here.

Your brother in Christ,

James Maycock,

Duncan's Town,

Ragged Island, Bah.